

# KANSAS NEWBORN SCREENING FOLLOW-UP Newsletter

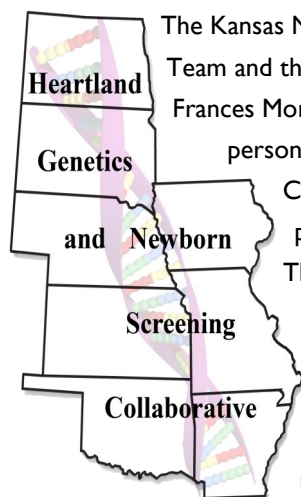


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Kansas Newborn Screening Follow-Up Team: (from left) Janice Conklin, Michelle Black, Jamey Kendall and Annie Gile

## Timeliness in the Heartland



The Kansas Newborn Screening Follow-Up Team and the Deputy KHEL Director, Dr. Frances Morgan, recently attended an in-person meeting with the Heartland Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (COIIN).

This was an opportunity for NBS programs within the Heartland Region to collaborate and share resources with each other. A NewSTEPS 360 representative provided useful information on Quality Improvement strategies and tools that NBS programs can use to help improve timeliness. Attendees from Kansas formed a workgroup to set SMART goals and objectives for improving timeliness from birth, to specimen collection, to receipt and processing, reporting out and following up. The workgroup that was formed is called the Kansas Timeliness Task Force (KTTF), and is composed of NBS follow-up, KHEL personnel, and representatives from KUMC and Wesley. KTTF is currently meeting monthly via teleconference. If you are interested in representing your facility and participating in this statewide task force, contact Annie Gile at (785)296-3617, or [agile@kdheks.gov](mailto:agile@kdheks.gov).

The Kansas Newborn Screening Follow-Up Program has been busy! In the new year, our team has continued working with facilities on Newborn Screening and CCHD reporting. We have also attended and presented on these topics at various conferences, including: APHL 2016 Newborn Screening & Genetic Testing Symposium, 2016 Birth Clerks Conference, and the Heartland Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network Meeting.

Sadly, our team said goodbye to Jena Callen-Scholz, our Newborn Screening Educator in February. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors, and are excited to welcome Annie Gile, who will continue the NBS F/U team's work on CCHD and NBS Timeliness. Annie is a native Kansan who recently moved back to Topeka from Idaho Falls, Idaho. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist, and is excited to be a part of the Kansas Newborn Screening Follow-Up Program.

If you have questions about improving timeliness in Newborn Screening, or would like for more information on CCHD Reporting, please contact Annie Gile at (785)296-3617, or [agile@kdheks.gov](mailto:agile@kdheks.gov).



**Heartland COIIN Meeting  
May 6, 2016**

Every time you fill out a newborn screening form,  
you hold a baby's life in your hands.




Filling out the newborn screening form

- ✓ **Accurately**
- ✓ **Completely**
- ✓ **Legibly**

Could be a matter of life and death!

*In the event of a positive screening test, the information  
you provide is essential to locate the baby and a provider.  
Remember, it's not just a form...it's a baby.*

#### At a Glance—1st Quarter 2016

Total # of Samples Tested:	10,953
Total Unsatisfactory Samples:	409
Percent Total Unsatisfactory Samples:	3.73%
Goal for Unsatisfactory Blood Spots:	< 1.3 %

#### “TOP FACILITIES THAT MAKE US SMILE!”

**\*Our Statewide Goal is to be  $\leq 1.3\%$ \***

Facility Name	Facility ID	Total Unsats	Total Specimens	1ST QUARTER AVERAGE % MONTHLY UNSAT
HIAWATHA COMM HOSP	140	0	15	0.00%
CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL	250	0	5	0.00%
GOVE CO MEDICAL CENTER	620	0	10	0.00%
KEARNY CO HOSPITAL	880	0	54	0.00%
MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER	1020	0	4	0.00%
MEADE DISTRICT HOSPITAL	1150	0	1	0.00%
MORRIS CO HOSPITAL	1260	0	4	0.00%
HUTCHINSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR	1510	0	123	0.00%
VIA CHRISTI HOSP MANHATTAN INC	1570	0	312	0.00%
ROOKS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER	1580	0	7	0.00%
STANTON CO HOSPITAL	1890	0	4	0.00%
WASHINGTON CO HOSPITAL	1980	0	3	0.00%
CLOUD CO HEALTH CTR	290	0	2	0.00%
NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER	740	1	109	0.92%
GREAT BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL	92	1	84	1.19%



Questions? **CONTACT US!**

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